

1216 McKinley Ave
Pleasantville, N.J.
March 4, 1941

Dear Mrs. Manley,

Owing to the dissatisfactory conditions of the contract I received, I am returning it. This is my third year with Newark and although I have not been phenomenal I do think that I represent more at this time than is indicated by the salary you offer.

I judge this not only by the estimation of my own ability, but also in comparison to wages received by other members of my club. In regard to last year, if you recall correctly the late start that you mentioned started around the first or second week of June. This makes your statement debatable.

It is my opinion that it is

always admsable ^{for} the club owner to have
confidence in the player so that they in
turn might have confidence in themselves
You have indicated that I am a question
mark. I don't think so. So feeling that
I am every bit worth it, I am asking
for \$170 a month.

I am asking that you really
consider this. A negro base ball player's
life is a hard one. He has to make money
while he is still young and spend it
wisely. Like wise he must obtain
his salary however and where ever
he can. This is an old story but it
becomes more ominous each new
year of Negro base ball.

I am not trying to be spectacular
or big time. This is an honest request
for an honest salary. I remain
yours for a hasty agreement.

Maxwell Manning